REGISTER OF
CLASSIFICATION DECISIONS

Date of entry in Register:	15 August 1995
Name of applicant/court:	Comptroller of Customs
Applicant to the Labelling Body:	Not Applicable
Title of Publication:	Shame
Other Known Titles:	Not Stated
Director:	Philip Christian
Producer:	Jonathan Moore
Publisher:	Not Applicable
Author:	Not Applicable
Format:	Video Recording VHS/NTSC
Country of Origin:	USA
Language:	English

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Components of film originally examined:

Feature:	Shame	Running time:	88.24
Trailers:	F.B.I. Warning Notice	Running time:	0.06
	Phone Sex Notice		0.37
	Phone Sex Notice		0.30
	Phone Sex Notice		0.41
		Total Running time:	90.18

Excision/Alteration: No

Reasons(s) for Excision:

Not Applicable.

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Classification Decision:

Objectionable except if the availability of the publication is restricted to persons who have attained the age of 18 years.

Display conditions:

Nil.

Descriptive Note:

Contains explicit sex scenes.

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Direction to issue a label has been given on 15 August 1995

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SUMMARY OF THE REASONS FOR DECISION:

The video recording presents explicit depictions of sexual activity within a framework of a ‘western’ film. The explicitness of these images are reinforced by the use of slow-motion filming. The infliction of serious physical harm, whilst contained within a recording presenting explicit sexual images, is presented in a brief and implicit manner, and as part of the storyline. After consideration of the relevant criteria noted under Section 3 of the Films, Videos, and Publications Classification Act 1993, the video recording is classified as objectionable except if its availability is restricted to persons who have attained the age of 18 years.

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